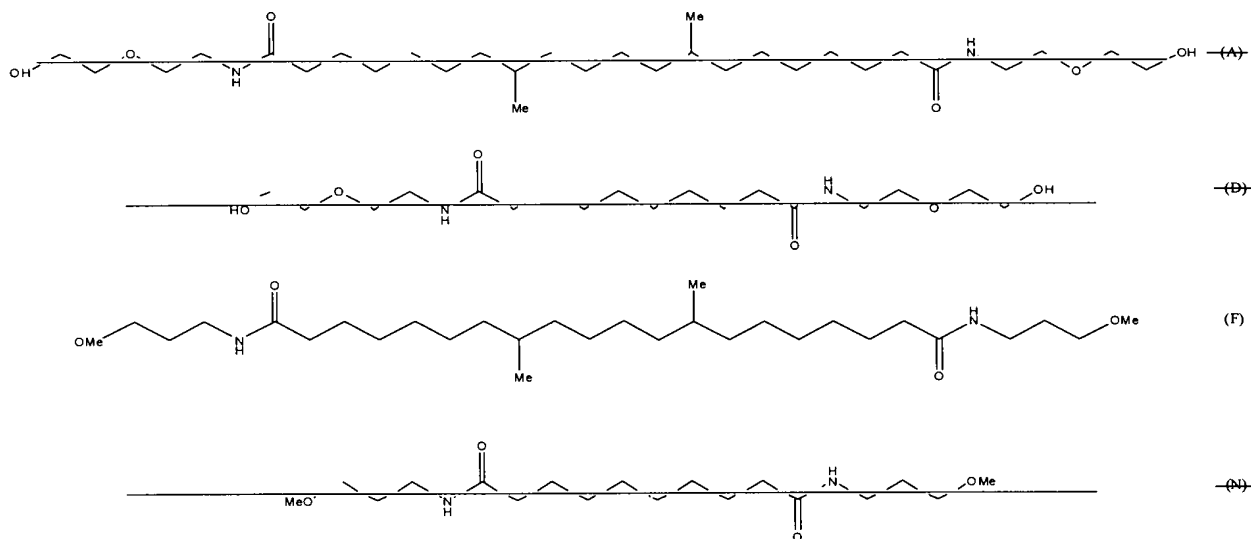


AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A hair styling composition comprising the following ingredients (A) and (B): (A) 0.05 to 30 wt. % in terms of solids based on the whole composition of a film-forming polymer; and (B) 0.01 to 20 wt. % based on the whole composition of a diamide compound represented by the following formula



Claims 2-4 (canceled)

Claim 5 (previously presented): The hair styling composition according to claim 1 wherein said film-forming polymer is cationic and is at least one selected from the group consisting of polydimethyldiallylammonium chloride, acrylamidopropyltrimethylammonium chloride/acrylate copolymers, acrylamide/dimethyldiallylammonium chloride copolymers, t-butylacrylamide/ethyl acrylate/dimethylaminopropylacrylamide/methoxypolyethylene glycol methacrylate copolymers, t-

butylacrylamide/dimethylacrylamide/dimethylaminopropylacrylamide/methoxypolyethylene glycol methacrylate copolymers, methylvinylimidazolium chloride/vinylpyrrolidone copolymers, vinylpyrrolidone/dimethylaminopropylmethacrylamide copolymers, diethyl sulfates of vinylpyrrolidone/dimethylaminoethyl methacrylate copolymers, vinyl alcohol/dimethylaminopropylmethacrylamide copolymers, vinylpyrrolidone/dimethylaminoethyl methacrylate copolymers, vinylpyrrolidone/alkylaminoacrylate/vinylcaprolactam copolymers, hydroxyethylcellulose/dimethyldiallylammonium chloride copolymers, hydroxyethylcellulose/2-hydropropyltrimethylammonium chloride copolymers, guar hydroxypropyltrimonium chloride, and aminoalkyldimethylpolysiloxane/polyethylenoxazoline copolymers.

Claims 6-8 (canceled)

Claim 9 (previously presented): The hair styling composition according to claim 1, further comprising a protein.

Claim 10 (previously presented): The hair styling composition according to claim 9, wherein said protein is at least one selected from the group consisting of keratin, elastine, collagen, lactoferin, casein,  $\alpha(\beta)$ -lactoalbumin, globulins, ovalbumin, silk protein and hydrolysates thereof, proteins extracted from wheat, proteins extracted from malt, proteins extracted from oat, proteins extracted from barley, proteins extracted from corn, proteins extracted from rice, proteins extracted from soybeans, proteins extracted from broad beans, proteins extracted from lupine seeds, proteins extracted from potatoes, proteins extracted from apricot kernels, and hydrolysates thereof.

Claim 11 (previously presented): The hair styling composition according to claim 9, wherein said protein is present in an amount of from 0.01 to 5 wt. % based on the whole composition.

Claim 12 (previously presented): The hair styling composition according to claim 1, further comprising a ceramide.

Claim 13 (previously presented): The hair styling composition according to claim 12, wherein said ceramide is at least one selected from the group consisting of N-acylated sphingosines, N-acylated phytosphingosines and N-acylated dihydrosphingosines.

Claim 14 (previously presented): The hair styling composition according to claim 13, wherein said ceramide is present in an amount of from 0.01 to 5 wt. % based on the whole composition.

Claim 15 (previously presented): The hair styling composition according to claim 1, further comprising at least one silicone derivative.

Claims 16-19 (canceled).

Claim 20 (previously presented) The hair styling composition according to claim 1, wherein said film-forming polymer is vinylpyrrolidone/dimethylaminoethyl methacrylate copolymer.

Claim 21 (new) The hair styling composition according to claim 1 wherein said film forming polymer as ingredient (A) is present in an amount of 0.2 to 10 wt. % and said diamide as ingredient (B) is present in an amount of 0.5 to 15 wt.%.